

ACT 241

AN ACT to Amend Section 2 of Act 204 of 1943 Ark. Stat. 12-1907 to Simplify the Printing and Distribution of Departmental Biennial Reports.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 204 of 1943, the same being Arkansas Statute 12-1907, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) The only biennial reports which shall be printed and distributed shall be the Biennial Reports of the State Treasurer and the Department of Finance and Administration. These reports shall be distributed to the Constitutional Officers of the State, and upon request to members of the General Assembly. Copies shall be available for distribution to the general public upon written request.

(b) In addition to the financial statements and tables required to be published in said report, the Department of Finance and Administration shall be required to summarize briefly all of the financial affairs of each State supported institution or department and to publish the same in its biennial report to the Constitutional Officers of the State."

SECTION 2. Whenever the laws of this State require any State agency, department, board or commission to prepare and publish an annual or biennial report, such report shall be prepared in the least expensive manner possible, and fifty (50) copies thereof shall be filed with the Arkansas State Library and twenty (20) copies thereof shall be filed with the Library of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, as required by law, for distribution purposes. The publication and filing of such reports to be available for distribution, in the manner provided above, shall constitute sufficient distribution thereof, in lieu of other distribution requirements which may be prescribed by law, provided:

(A) A record or list of reports available within the Arkansas State Library shall be distributed every three (3) months to the appropriate parties, including members of the General Assembly; or public officials, who may be designated by law to receive copies thereof, and the furnishing of such lists or record shall meet the formalities of any statutory requirements specifying officials to whom copies of said reports shall be furnished;

(B) Copies of such reports shall be made available to the maximum extent practicable upon request therefor, but the Arkansas State Library may establish, by rules and regulations, for recovery of the costs of reproduction of reports.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: February 27, 1981.